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Pennsylvania Mushroom Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Aug 19, 2011, REVISED --- Pennsylvania growers led all states by producing 548.8 million pounds, or 65 percent of all U.S. Agaricus mushrooms sold during the 2010-2011 growing season. Second-ranked California contributed 14 percent. Pennsylvania's production is up 9 percent from last year according to the Pennsylvania Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Pennsylvania growers received, on average, 88.8 cents per pound for all Agaricus mushroom sales up 1.2 cents from the previous year. Pennsylvania's Agaricus crop was valued at \$487.1 million, up 11 percent from the 2008-09 crop.

The Commonwealth mushroom producers sold 447.3 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market. Fresh market sales tallied \$430.7 million. In addition, Pennsylvania growers supplied 101.5 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms sold in the U.S. for processing. Processing sales in Pennsylvania totaled \$56.3 million for the 2010-2011 season. Prices and value for mushroom sales are based on the average price that the producer receives at the point of first sale.

The 61 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 402 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, an increase of 15 percent compared with the 2009-2010 growing season. This production was valued at \$365 million, up 19 percent from the previous year. The growing area in Chester County was 12.9 million square feet, up 12 percent from 2009-2010. Total fillings were 61.3 million square feet, up 15 percent from 2009-2010.

Nationally, Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 845 million pounds, up 9 percent from the 2009-2010 season. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$952 million dollars, up 8 percent from the 2009-2010 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 137 million pounds, up 14 percent from last season. Brown mushrooms accounted for 16 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold and 20 percent of the total Agaricus value. The total number of Agaricus growers in the United States, at 110, is one more grower than last season. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 74 percent of United States Agaricus production, or 629 million pounds.

United States fresh market production of Agaricus mushrooms totaled 724 million pounds, up 8 percent from the previous season, while processed production, at 121 million pounds, is 13 percent above the previous season. Growers reported United States fresh market production made up 86 percent of total sales volume while processed production represented the remaining 14 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2011-2012 crop are 134 million square feet, virtually unchanged from the total fillings in the 2010-2011 season.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2010-2011 totaled 50.1 million, up 27 percent from the 2009-2010 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 dollars or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.97, is up 41 cents from the previous season.

Growers produced 31.2 million pounds of mushrooms that were certified organic during the 2010-2011 growing season, 4 percent above 2009-2010. Fifty-seven percent of the total, or 17.6 million pounds, were sold as certified organic mushrooms. This percentage is equal to the 2009-2010 crop year. Agaricus mushrooms accounted for 67 percent of the mushrooms sold as certified organic, while all specialty mushrooms made up the remainder. The total certified organic sales of all mushrooms represent 2 percent of the 2010-2011 total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 46, down 5 growers from the previous season. These growers represent 16 percent of the 282 total mushroom producers.

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